

In re: Johan *et al.*  
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a' deposited in a bacterial host as Patent Deposit Nos. PTA 2645, and fragments and variants thereof.--

Please replace the first complete paragraph on page 13 of the specification with the following paragraph:

a2 --Plasmids containing the nucleotide sequences of the invention were deposited with the Patent Depository of the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), Manassas, Virginia, on November 1, 2000 and assigned Patent Deposit No PTA 2645. These deposits will be maintained under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure. These deposits were made merely as a convenience for those of skill in the art and are not an admission that a deposit is required under 35 U.S.C. §112.--

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 19 and 25-32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1-6, 10, 18, 20, and 24 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) An isolated nucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- BB  
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B
- (a) a nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 7;
  - (b) a nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 8;
  - (c) a nucleotide sequence consisting of at least 19 contiguous nucleotides of

the nucleotide sequence set forth in (b);